Sl. No.	Name of the Ministry	Group				Total
		'A'	'B'	'C'	'D'	
13.	Ministry of Planning & Programme Implementation (Now bifurcated into Ministry of Planning & Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation)	0	0	0	1	1
14.	Ministry of Chemical & Fertilisers	0	0	0	2	2
	Total	6	5	214	208	433

Posts Vacant for SCs/STs

†588. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 3010 given in the Rajya Sabha on 20th April, 2000 and state:

(a) the number of vacant posts of scheduled castes and scheduled tribes out of total vacant posts in different Ministries/ Departments and details thereof, and

(b) the steps being taken to fill up these posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The data regarding the number of posts vacant in Central Government Offices published by Pay Research Unit of Ministry of Finance does not contain information regarding vacant posts reserved for Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes. However, as per information received from various

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

Ministries/Departments, 17799 posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and 19326 posts reserved for Scheduled Tribes were unfilled as on 31.12.1998.

(b) There is generally a time lag between the dates of vacancies and their filling up. The implementation of the reservation policy is the concern of the Ministries/Departments and necessary action for filling up the posts is required to be taken at their end. However, instructions have been issued again recently for the Ministries/ Departments to make concerted efforts to fill up backlog vacancies.

Incentives to retired Government Employees

589. SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in various developed countries numerous incentives are given to the retired Government employees;

(b) whether any study has been undertaken to find out such incentives given to them;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government are contemplating to consider grant of certain concessions namely LTC, concessional air/rail travel, etc. to the retired Government employees; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING AND DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The Fifth Pay Commission in its Report has made a study of retirement benefits available to Government employees in some of the developed countries. Most of these retirement benefits are in the form of relief to pensioners against inflation, terminal benefits payable at the time of superannuation, family pension, medical facilities etc. which have already been extended to Central Government servants. India compares favourably with the countries studied by the Pay